

But now the income has to come from effort. Well, that's fine. Now, I say we have to go out and create the jobs.

And I outlined a plan last night in Chicago to the American people to invest several billion dollars—all of it paid for in my balanced budget plan—in poor rural areas and small towns, in our inner cities to create jobs, to give incentives to invest in those areas. The best untapped market for the United States today is those parts of the United States which haven't gotten investment, which haven't fully recovered, which need more jobs. That's what we need to do. And we have a strategy to do it.

I want everybody walking across that bridge to the 21st century. I don't intend to see the lower Mississippi Valley left behind. I want your children to have the best education, your parents to have the best jobs, and your people to have the best future. That is my commitment to you.

Let me just say a word about education. Al Gore and I, in the next 4 years, are committed to seeing that every classroom in America, in the remotest mountain village, in the poorest city neighborhood, up and down this Delta, every single classroom and library not only has the computers they need with the teachers trained to help use them but is connected to an information superhighway that will give, for the first time in the history of this country, every child, rich or poor, immediate access to the highest quality information available on any subject, to any child, in any school in the United States or in the world. That is worth fighting for.

## Remarks in La Center, Kentucky

August 30, 1996

*The President.* Thank you. Boy, I'm glad to see you here. I never dreamed there would be such a crowd. I thank you. I thank Governor Patton and Senator Ford for being here. I thank Steve Beshear. I hope he will be your next Senator from Kentucky, and I hope you'll elect him and Dennis Null, a candidate for Congress.

Ladies and gentlemen, you can probably tell I'm a little hoarse. I said everything I had to say last night. I've had a wonderful week. I

We are committed to the right kind of tax cuts for working families: a tax cut in the form of a \$500 credit for young children; a tax cut in the form of a \$1,500 credit to make 2 years of education after high school as universal in 4 years as a high school education is today. We ought to make it possible for every family to go to a community college, at least, and have it paid for and not have to worry about it through tax cuts. We ought to give every family with a child in college or a parent in college a deduction for the cost of tuition up to \$10,000 a year. We ought to educate America and do it now.

So I say to you, if you want that kind of future, if you want the feeling you have tonight on this beautiful lawn of this magnificent old library to carry you through, if you want to feel on election day the way the Vice President says and feel that way all through the next 4 years, you have to help me build that bridge to the 21st century. Will you do that?

*Audience members.* Yes!

*The President.* Will you help us for 68 days to talk to your friends and neighbors about going into the future instead of going back? Will you do that?

*Audience members.* Yes!

*The President.* God bless you. Stay with us and we will make the kind of future you and your children deserve. Thank you. We're delighted to be here.

NOTE: The President spoke at 7:26 p.m. at the Stafford Public Library. In his remarks, he referred to Mayor James Wilson of Cairo.

came into Chicago on a train that went through West Virginia and Kentucky and Ohio and Michigan and Indiana. And now we're on this bus to see the people I've been working for for the last 4 years, to tell you America is on the right track to the 21st century. And we're going to build a bridge right there if you'll help us.

We are going to keep this economy growing. We're going to keep the economy growing and

create more jobs, lower interest rates. To do it, we're going to balance the budget and give the American people a tax cut they can afford, targeted to education and rearing their children. We're going to make the first 2 years of education after high school just as universal in the next 4 years as a high school education is today, with a tax credit of \$1,500 to send every person to community college in the country for 2 years.

We're going to give even more incentives to invest in our economy and to create more jobs where we need them. We're going to prove again that you can grow the economy and protect the environment by cleaning up two-thirds of the toxic waste dumps in the country. We are going to move this country forward. We're going to move it forward in helping families.

Folks, our administration is committed to helping you make the most of your own lives.

Will you help us build that bridge to the 21st century?

*Audience members.* Yes!

*The President.* Will you help us for the next 68 days to talk to your friends and neighbors?

*Audience members.* Yes!

*The President.* Will you help us for the next 4 years to build a bridge all Americans can walk across?

*Audience members.* Yes!

*The President.* We need you. We're glad to see you. Thank you. God bless you. Thank you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 8:58 p.m. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Paul E. Patton of Kentucky and Dennis Null, candidate for Kentucky's First Congressional District. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

## Remarks in Paducah, Kentucky

*August 30, 1996*

*The President.* Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. I'm glad to be back in Paducah. Folks, I don't know if you remember this, but on the day before the election in 1992, I flew to Paducah and I didn't have any voice at all. I've still got a little left now. And I could only get up and say to you, "Folks, I have lost my voice, but if you folks in Paducah and Kentucky will vote for me, I'll be your voice for the next 4 years."

Well, folks, I'm here tonight with what the crowd counters tell me is 25,000 of our good friends and Americans to tell you I have been your voice. Compared to 4 years ago, we are better off. We are on the right track, but we still have work to do. And I want you tonight, for the next 4 years, to help me build that bridge to the 21st century. Will you do it? Will you do it?

*Audience members.* Yes!

*The President.* I want to thank Governor Patton and Mrs. Patton for being here, for their leadership and their energy. I want to thank our good friend Senator Wendell Ford, a great leader in the Senate and an immensely respected man. I don't know how many times I've thought to myself, if we just had about

10 people like Wendell Ford in the Senate we could solve half the country's problems in a month or two.

I want to thank Lieutenant Governor Steve Henry for being here. I want to thank Steve Beshear and join in what has been said about him. When I was looking at him speak tonight, I thought, boy, Kentucky would be better off if he were the United States Senator, along with Wendell Ford.

You know, it's really too bad that a person like Steve Beshear or our fine candidate for Congress, Dennis Null, whom I urge you to help elect—it's too bad that they have to get up and give campaign speeches, with so much to be done in this country, about what they have to help stop. It's too bad that they have to talk about—here it is, 1996—that a Congress in 1996 actually tried to break apart Medicare into a two-tier system; that a leader of the Congress, now a nominee for President, actually bragged about—in 1996, not before—actually bragged about being one of the only 12 people to vote against Medicare in the House; that they tried to take away the guarantee that Medicaid gives not just to elderly folks in nursing homes, not just to pregnant women and poor little kids